## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 28 and 29 were allowed in the final Office Action, and claims 3 and 7 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 has therefore been cancelled and the subject thereof has been incorporated into claim 1. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. The non-elected claims 10-25 have been cancelled. New claims 30-35 correspond to claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9, respectively, but depend from claim 7. All of the remaining claims also depend from one of the allowed claims.

All of the active claims have therefore been allowed, and so Applicants respectively solicits an early Notice of Allowability.

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